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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Detailed Action of August 1, 2001. A reissue oath was submitted with the response to the Office Action of December 19, 2000 and the copy is enclosed.

Please amend the claims as follows (Claims 21 - 25 presented below contain changes from the same numbered claims submitted previously but not entered):

Marked Version of Amended Claims

21. A truss assembly apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss, the truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, said apparatus comprising:

a truss table comprising at least two guide tracks coupled to said truss table and a work surface on which the truss may be positioned;

a roller assembly movably coupled to said guide tracks, said roller assembly configured to press the connector plates into the truss members, said roller assembly comprising a plurality of drive wheels for moving said roller assembly at variable spatial relationships to the work surface; and

an adjustment apparatus comprising at least one adjustment means supporting each end of the roller assembly, the adjustment means operably connected to effectuate simultaneous adjustment of the ends of the roller assembly while maintaining the roller assembly parallel to the work surface.